

G-V-A-039  
John Rolf Farm  
Red House  
Private

ca. 1909

The John Rolf Farm is an early twentieth century site consisting of a circa 1909 frame dwelling, several small frame sheds and a privy of unknown date, a 1940's frame bank barn, and a late 1970's machine shed and corn crib.

The house is a rectangular, two-story gable-roofed building on a stone foundation. Its three bay, center door facade is sheltered by a shed-roofed porch that continues around to the southwest elevation. Weatherboard siding sheathes the walls, and all windows are 1/1 sash with plain board surrounds. Two interior brick chimnies are located on the southeast side of the ridgeline.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

John Rolf Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 219 - E side, 1 mile S of U.S. Rt. 50

CITY, TOWN

Redhouse

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Helen M. Rolf et al

Telephone #: 301-224-4370

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 399

Folio #: 367

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The John Rolf Farm is located on the east side of Maryland Route 219 approximately one mile south of its intersection with U.S. Route 50. The farm is situated on a hill that slopes down (southeast) from the road.

The house is a rectangular, two story, gable-roofed building of frame construction. Its facade is symmetrically arranged with three bays and a center door. The other three elevations, each having three bays, are irregularly spaced.

The house rests on a stepped foundation of coursed, roughly squared stone. Because of the grade of the hill an additional lower floor is created to the rear. This lower floor has a center door with a small, square, single pane window on each side.

The exterior walls are covered by weatherboard with cornerboards and all windows are one over one sash with plain board surrounds, sills, and simple drip moldings. The roof is covered with corrugated metal and has two interior brick chimneys on the southeast side of the ridgeline.

A shed-roofed porch extends the full length of the facade and continues around to the southwest gable end where it terminates in a small enclosed room. The porch is supported by eight square wooden posts and rests on a recently replaced foundation of cinderblock.

Directly northwest of the house is a depression in the ground where a log dwelling formerly stood.

Also on the property is a shed chicken house, several small vertical board sheds, a privy, a frame bank barn (ca. 1940's), and a corn crib and machine shed both built in the late 1970's.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES	house: ca. 1909	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	John Rolf
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

It is thought that John Rolf built this house circa 1909. It was not the first dwelling to be constructed on the property, however. John's father, William Rolf, came to this country from Germany, and aquired this piece of land in 1859. On it, he built a log dwelling and a log barn, neither of which stands today.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Interview with Helen Rolf, August 27, 1980.

Garrett County Land Records, Liber 399, Folio 367.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

March 1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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John Rolf Farm  
Chain of Title

21 July 1979

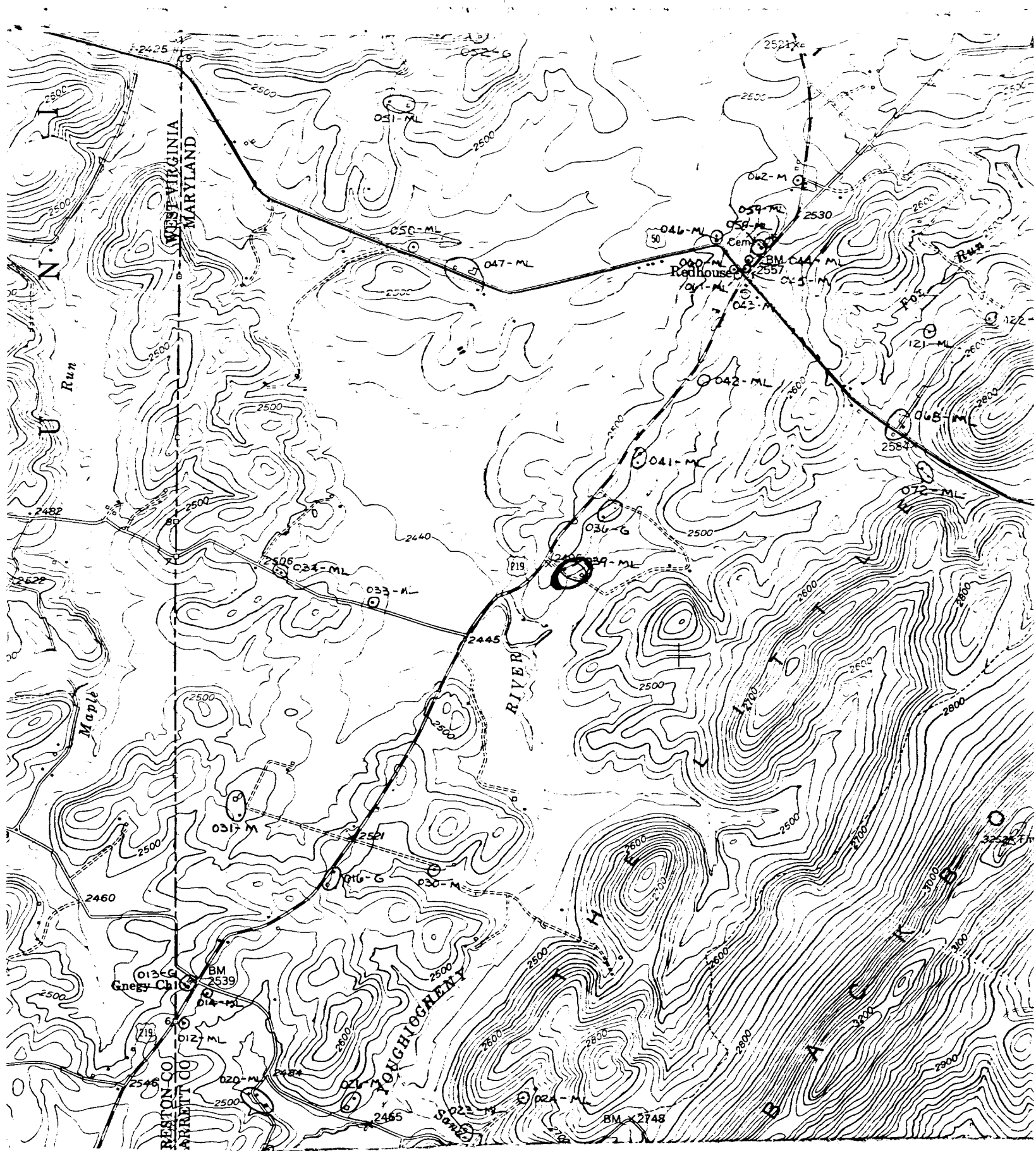
Liber 399, Folio 367

Grantees: Helen M. Rolf and Donald W. Rolf

Grantors: Helen M. Rolf and Donald W. Rolf for estate of Woodrow W. Rolf

Acreage: 206

1. Military Lot No. 2502, 50 acres, being same parcel as conveyed from David Spefert to William Rolf, August 1, 1859, liber 16, folio 15 of Allegany County Land Records known as "Pleasant Landscape."
2. Adjacent to "Chance," 156½ acres, being same parcel as conveyed from John M. Thayer et. ux. to William Rolf, February 18, 1868, liber 27, folio 136, in Allegany County Land Records.
3. Military Lot No. 1203, being same parcel as conveyed from Richard T. Semmes et al, Trustees to William Rolf, August 28, 1871, liber 35, folio 172, in Allegany County Land Records.
4. Part of Mount Pleasant, being same parcel as conveyed from Catharine Rolf to John W. Rolf, October 21, 1899, liber 38, Folio 54 in Garrett County Land Records.
  - except: 1) 2 acres of Military Lot No. 2502, conveyed from John Rolf et ux to P.J. Wade, July 8, 1910, liber 61, folio 191
  - 2) 73 acres of "Chance," conveyed from John W. Rolf et ux to Harmon C. Rolf, December 29, 1927, liber 97, folio 68
5. Part of "Chance" and part of Military Lot No. 1221, being same parcel as conveyed from John Rolf et ux to Woodrow W. Rolf, 1952, liber 172, folio 487



ible Rock, MD-WV  
USGS 7.5 minute series  
Scale - 1:24,000  
1948; photorevised 1974

Site # G-V-A-039  
John Rolf Farm  
Rt. 219, E side,  
1 mile S of US Rt.  
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John Rolf Farm

Garrett County, MD

Donna Ware 8-24-80

House, facing West



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NW & SW elevation